UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE ZACHARY GRALING, CASE NO. C24-1798 MJP Plaintiff, MINUTE ORDER v. UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, Defendant. 17 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable Marsha 18 J. Pechman, United States Senior District Judge: 19 The Court has received a recommendation from a third-party mediator that the Court 20 appoint a settlement judge to help resolve this lawsuit. While Defendant agrees with this 21 recommendation, Plaintiff opposes it. The Court declines to appoint a settlement judge. Both 22 parties are represented by counsel, have already engaged a third-party mediator, and are capable

of negotiating a resolution in advance of trial, if they wish. The Court is here to try the dispute,

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1	not coerce a settlement. For these reasons, the Court declines the recommendation/request to
2	appoint a settlement judge.
3	The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.
4	Filed September 3, 2025.
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6	Clerk of Court
7	s/Alejandro Pasaye Hernandez Deputy Clerk
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